

REMARKS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 5 November 2004. Responsive to the rejections made in the Official Action, Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the combination of elements which form the invention of the subject Patent Application, and Claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 4 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Halliburton, U.S. Patent 5,401,030, however, the Examiner kindly indicated that Claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claims 9 and 10 therein. Thus, by the amendment to Claim 1, Claim 10 has been effectively rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim, Claim 1, and the only intervening claim, Claim 9. Thus, Claim 1 and the Claims dependent thereon should now be allowable. Thus there is now an allowable generic claim, Claims 3, 5-8 and 11-17 should now be reconsidered and allowed.

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It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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